

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 NDJAME 02151 171550Z

47

ACTION AID-59

INFO OCT-01 AF-05 EUR-06 ISO-00 PC-04 USIA-12 IO-03 INR-11

DODE-00 AGR-03 INT-01 COME-00 SWF-02 IGA-02 EB-05

RSC-01 DRC-01 /116 W

----- 105430

P R 171018Z AUG 74

FM AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8410

INFO USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

USCINCEUR

USCINCRED MACDILL AFB

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE NDJAMENA 2151

AFDROUGHT

E O 11652: NA

SUBJ: CHAD AIRLIFT

1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH EMB ON AUG 14, COL FASSETT AND MAJOR LA FLAMBOY OF VISITING KING GRAIN SURVEY MISSION AND CHARGE MET WITH GOC DROUGHT COORDINATOR DJONOUA AND MEMBERS HIS STAFF.

2. GOL FASSETT PROPOSED, SHOULD AIRLIFT OPERATIONS BE DECIDED UPON, TO BEGIN OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN PART OF COUNTRY AT ABOUT EARLY SEPTEMBER. DELIVERY 500 TONS TO B.E.T. PROVINCE (FAYA-LARGEAU, PERHAPS ALSO ZOUAR AND FADA) WOULD OCCUPY TWO AIRCRAFT FIRST HALF MONTH, BY WHICH TIME RAINS PRESUMABLY BEGIN TO CEASE AND OPERATIONS COULD BE EXTENDED ABECHE, MONGO, BILTINE, AS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 NDJAME 02151 171550Z

POSSIBLE. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, DJONOUA STATED THAT WHILE

GREATEST SUFFERING AT PRESENT IS IN GUERRA AREA (MONGO), B.E.T. DESTINATIONS IN NEED SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES AND COULD EASILY UTILIZE MORE THAN SUGGESTED 500 TONS SHOULD RAINS DELAY POSSIBILITY DELIVERIES SOUTHERN DESTINATIONS BEYOND MID-SEPTEMBER. FASSETT NOTED THAT PROPOSAL WOULD REQUIRE THAT AIRCRAFT COMMANDERS BE AUTHORIZED CHOOSE AMONG POSSIBLE LANDING SITES AFTER BECOMING AIRBORNE. DJONOUA STATED HE HAD BLANKET AUTHORITY FROM MINISTRY INTERIOR AUTHORIZE LANDINGS WHEN AIR LIFT COMMENCES AS NEEDED IN ANY OF SEVERAL AREAS DISCUSSED AND THAT THIS WOULD PRESENT NO PROBLEM. (COMMENT: WHEN ASKED WHETHER FLIGHTS INTO BARDAI, SITE OF LAST SPRING'S REBEL KIDNAPPING OF GERMAN AND FRENCH CITIZENS, WOULD BE REQUIRED, DJONOUA STATED HE HAD WISHED TO MAKE AT LEAST FEW FLIGHTS TO BARDAI BUT HAD BEEN DENIED PERMISSION. WHETHER PERMISSION REFUSED ON POLITICAL OR SECURITY GROUNDS WAS UNCLEAR.)

3. MAIDUGURI/NDJAMENA TRANSPORT:

DJONOUA STATED THAT HE ALSO CONCERNED STOCKS NDJAMENA MIGHT BE SERIOUSLY DEPLETED IF HEAVY RAINS CONTINUED AND ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT SOME STOCKS BE MOVED FROM MAIDUGURI TO NDJAMENA IF NEED ARISES. CHARGE NOTED THAT COSTS AIRLIFT THIS SHORT DISTANCE PROHIBITIVE, STRESSED THAT AIRLIFT REMOTE AREAS CHAD PREDICATED ON SUPPOSITION THAT EVERY EFFORT POSSIBLE WOULD BE MADE BY GOC AND CTT TO INCREASE FLOW GOODS BY TRUCK, AND INQUIRED WHETHER DJONOUA BELIEVED INCREASE IN PRICE HAULAGE PER TON WOULD RESULT SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN NUMBER NIGERIAN TRUCKS ON RUN. DJONOUA REPLIED THAT "EVERYONE TOLD HIM" PRICE OF 8,000 CFA FRANCS PER TON (ABOUT 22 NIARA) WOULD ATTRACT MANY MORE TRUCKS. (COMMENT: PRESUME THAT BY "EVERYONE" DJONOUA MEANS CTT AND OSRO REP PAGE.)

4. OTHER DONOR AIRLIFTS:

DJONOUA SAID THAT SOVIETS HAD ORIGINALLY PROMISED TWO ANTONOV 12 AIRCRAFT TO BEGIN OPERATIONS IN JULY, THEN ONE AIRCRAFT TO BEGIN OPERATIONS IN FIRST WEEK AUGUST, AND NOW APPARENTLY ARE UNDECIDED WHETHER OR NOT TO PARTICIPATE. DJONOUA SAID CURRENTLY DISCUSSING WITH SOVIETS SUCH QUESTIONS AS RADIO FACILITIES, UNWILLINGNESS SOVIETS CONCUR IN TRANSPORTING OTHER THAN SOVIET DONATIONS, LENGTH OPERATIONS, ETC. DJONOUA OBVIOUSLY DISCOURAGED PROSPECTS SOVIET ASSISTANCE, AND HYPOTHETICAL OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 NDJAME 02151 171550Z

SIZED THAT BEST THAT COULD BE HOPED FOR WOULD BE PERHAPS TWO WEEKS OF OPERATIONS BY ONE ANTONOV 12 SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER. AS NEEDS VERY GREAT, DJONOUA CONSIDERED THAT EVEN SHOULD ANTONOV BE AVAILABLE FOR LONGER PERIOD, NO DUPLICATION EFFORTS OR PROBLEMS OF COORDINATION WOULD OCCUR. (COMMENT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR TOLD CHARGE AUG 11 THAT SOVIETS HAD EXAMINED POSSIBILITIES AND CONCLUDED THAT NOT PRACTICAL CONSIDER AIRLIFT BEFORE SEPTEMBER. SOVIET AMB SAID STILL EXAMINING QUESTION, AND EXPRESSED WILLING-

NESS EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND COORDINATE PLANS.)

5. NIGERIAN AND CAMEROONIAN COOPERATION:

FASSETT NOTED THAT AS LIFT OPERATIONS WOULD BE PRINCIPALLY FROM MAIDUGURI, WILLINGNESS NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES SUPPLY REQUIRED LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AND FACILITATE OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCES HIGHLY IMPORTANT. CHARGE SUGGESTED GOC MIGHT WISH MAKE DIRECT APPROACH TO NIGERIAN AND CAMEROONIAN AUTHORITIES, DJONOUA SAID WOULD HAVE MFA AND OTHER APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES CONTACT NIGERIAN COUNTERPARTS IMMEDIATELY AND WOULD ALSO MAKE REQUEST FOR SUPPORT THROUGH NIGERIAN EMB NDJAMENA. DJONOUA CONSIDERED THAT OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE PROCEDURES FOR CAMEROON COULD BE EASILY ARRANGED THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS.

6. OTHER SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS:

FASSETT DISCUSSED BRIEFLY OTHER SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS, FOR WHICH DJONOUA PROMISED FULL COOPERATION, INCLUDING SAME ARRANGEMENTS FOR AIRLIFT PERSONNEL AS LAST YEAR AND INTERVENTION WITH GOC AUTHORITIES OBTAIN BETTER RADIO FREQUENCIES.

DWYER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY AIRLIFTS, AFDROUGHT, FOOD ASSISTANCE, GRAINS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 17 AUG 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974NDJAME02151
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740227-0343
From: NDJAMENA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740839/aaaabgxs.tel
Line Count: 135
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AID
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 APR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03 APR 2002 by shawdg>; APPROVED <26 JUN 2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CHAD AIRLIFT
TAGS: EAID, CD
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005